

BRANDEIS CHARGES UNFAIR TREATMENT

Glavis' Attorney Accuses Interior Department of Withholding Papers.

PIERCE ON STAND HELPS BALLINGER

Assistant Secretary Declares His Opinion on New Law Was Not Prepared by Superior.

A sharp protest against delay by the Interior Department in replying to requests for the production of certain correspondence and documents started off the twenty-ninth day of the Congressional hearing of the conservation controversy.

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"Didn't you tell Governor Moore that he could have his patents without an examination?" asked Representative Olmsted.

"No, sir," answered the witness positively. "I said nothing of the sort. I said a hearing was necessary."

Pierce stated that during the winter of 1907 the Alaska claimants had a "strong lobby" here in Washington working on Secretary Garfield and Congress for their patents.

He said that he also obtained a stipulation from John P. Grier, counsel for the Cunningham cases, that when the cases came up for hearing, that the record should not go to the Bureau register and recorder.

"I know that the son of the register was a claimant, and I thought that the same pressure which was apparent here in the lobby might warp their judgment," the witness explained.

He decided not to have the register and recorder hear the cases, although they rely on jurisdiction in them.

Pierce then related the circumstances of his rendering an opinion on the act of May 28, 1898. He denied that he had the Cunningham cases in mind when he rendered this opinion.

Glavis Contradicted.

"Secretary Ballinger did not turn this matter of an opinion over to me," the witness continued. "Glavis statements that I conferred with him in regard to an opinion, that the opinion, ready for my signature was handed me by Secretary Ballinger, and that Ballinger spoke to me about the matter, are entirely untrue. I never made such statements to Glavis then or any other time. I did not send Mr. Glavis to confer. I didn't say to Glavis that Secretary Ballinger had stated to me that I was to render the opinion. I only had one

conversation with Glavis, and that was several months prior to this."

"Secretary Ballinger didn't hand that opinion over to you to sign?" asked Vertrees.

"No, sir," answered Pierce.

"Did he talk to you about preparing the opinion?"

"He never spoke to me on that subject."

Representative Graham then took the witness in hand for an examination of his own. He brought out the fact that the power to cancel or allow all entries lay in the office of the Interior Department.

Continuing, the witness testified that the final decision whether the claimants should receive their lands or not rested entirely with the law clerks in the department, and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior—himself.

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TAFT FIRST CITIZEN LISTED IN CENSUS

District Enumerators Start the Task of Counting the People.

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Information Confidential.

Every bit of information given the enumerators is confidential and goes no further than the supervisor's office, where the figures are compiled into totals.

Of the enumerators who started in to make the count in the District today there are forty-three of them colored, and twenty are women.

The enumerators have been selected with great care by the supervisor, and he declares he has the best force in the United States.

There are no foreign enumerators in Washington, although they are employed in other cities and other sections of the country.

Here the number of foreigners is so limited that few will be found. It is stated, who cannot talk English. Such as are found will be noted, and when the regular enumeration is finished a special enumeration will be taken of these names and histories.

The enumerators in the five Washington districts assembled at the supervisor's office in the Army building near Fifth and I streets, this morning at 8 o'clock.

They were met by the special agents in charge of the districts to which they were assigned and given their final instructions.

The task of the enumerators was then sent to their districts.

What Congress Did

IN THE SENATE.

The River and harbor bill was taken up, and Senator Burton addressed the Senate in opposition to various features of it.

The special committee on the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation held another hearing.

The Committee to Audit and control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate favorably reported Senator Lodge's resolution to allow \$6,000 more to broaden the scope of the inquiry into the cost of living.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House considered war claims on the private calendar.

A postal savings bank bill will be reported in a week.

The House debated the bill to make General Sickles a lieutenant general on the retired list.

MEXICO KILLS BOXING.

MEXICO CITY, April 15.—The death-knell of prize fighting in the Federal district of Mexico was sounded when Governor Landa issued an order prohibiting pugilistic contests.

IN RENO.

"One-half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives," quoted the Philadelphia woman.

"On her alimony," replied the other woman, who had just returned from Reno.—Philadelphia Record.

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AGAINST ECONOMY, IS REASON GIVEN

Senator Burton Launches First Real Attack on Bill In His Review.

That President Taft may veto the river and harbor appropriation bill now before Congress, was the current gossip today, and it sent cold shudders down the backs of all those Representatives and Senators who have succeeded in getting into the measure varying sums of money for their districts and States.

The report was given strength by the fact that Senator Burton of Ohio protested on the floor of the Senate against the bill on the ground that it is wasteful and extravagant.

Mr. Burton was chairman of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors and is noted as the greatest authority in this country on that general subject.

Mr. Taft's motive for wishing to veto the bill is described to be his desire for greater economy in the expenditure of the Government's money.

Bill Is Reviewed.

The attack upon the bill was launched in real earnest when Senator Burton reviewed the measure and pointed to what he regards as some of its most pointed weaknesses.

He was unsparing in his criticism of certain features of the bill, though he did not oppose the amount which the bill carries.

Senator Nelson called up the bill this morning. The greatest interest was manifested in its fate, as there was scarcely a Senator who has not some interest in the measure.

It carries \$10,000,000 more than the House bill did, and the Senate amendments were largely objects of the attack made by Senator Burton.

The total of \$22,000,000, said the Ohio Senator, is not large when the great interests depending upon it are considered. The fact that there has not been a river and harbor bill for three years was also pointed to by Senator Burton to show what the total was not excessive.

What the Senator inveighed against most vigorously was the system under which some of the appropriations have been granted. He did not like the idea of continuing appropriations nor the plan of improving tributaries of inland streams until the main stream itself was improved.

Objects to System.

In declaring against the pie-meal method of improving waterways Senator Burton referred to instances with his knowledge where an interminable time would be consumed on a project by making small improvements year by year.

He referred to one harbor which would require fifty-two years to complete at the present rate of making appropriations.

Senator Burton found fault with the plan of initiating great waterway improvements by making a small appropriation as a starter. He said it was too easy for the interests involved to come to Congress the second year and get greater sums by reason of the Government having committed itself to this project or that.

He said these improvements were too lightly considered and that the Government should appropriate enough money for the whole job or none at all.

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COSTA RICANS FLEE FROM RUINED HOMES

Earthquakes Cause \$1,000,000 Loss In Property and Frighten Inhabitants.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, April 15.—Homes in the cities are being abandoned, and people are fleeing for their lives to the hills, as a result of the series of earthquakes that have shocked the island in the last twenty-four hours, and caused more than \$1,000,000 loss in property.

A suspension of general business has been ordered until the tremors cease. Weak buildings have been wrecked, while the stanchest structures have been weakened.

As far as known, there has been no loss of life. Communications between the different cities and towns has ceased.

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